



# **MFP COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME NETWORKING GRANTS**

The MFP Community Grants scheme was first set up in year 2000 with European LIFE Environment Programme funding and has since been publicly recognised by LIFE as an example of best practice from thousands of projects across Europe.

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The Grants scheme aims to help community groups to undertake activities in their local area that benefit the coast and sea of the Moray Firth (from John O' Groats in Caithness to Fraserburgh in Aberdeenshire).

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Scottish Natural Heritage and the BG Group are funding the 2007 Grant scheme.



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Thanks to additional funding from the BG Group, we are adding an extra element to the 2007 grants scheme to encourage and enable active networking and co-operation between coastal communities and between projects around the Moray Firth.

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The MFP can:-

- **help pay for travel and other expenses within the Moray Firth area**
- **include details of your group / project network / exchange proposals on our website and help to attract other participants.**

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The MFP can:-

- **offer coastal community groups assistance to network, share experiences and learn from best practice examples around the Moray Firth.**

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**What kind of networking / exchange projects are eligible?**

All projects must:

- be based on the coast or sea of the Moray Firth
- involve a community group or groups and have community support

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## **How much grant is available?**

For groups travelling to another location, a maximum of £100 per group

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For Groups travelling:

Car use will be paid at the public transport mileage rate of 25 pence per mile, based on agreed mileage, or the cost of public transport if less

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To encourage car sharing :-

where 4 or more share one vehicle,  
rate increased to 30 pence per mile

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## **How much grant is available?**

For host groups, a flat rate of £25 to meet out of pocket expenses in copying papers, providing refreshments etc.

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**NO match funding required**

The Community Group Exchange costs are considered to be match funded by in-kind volunteer time from the applicant Group.

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## **Who can apply?**

- not-for-profit groups that are formally constituted and have their own bank account

Must be corporate members of the MFP  
(Free Membership)

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## **Benefits of this scheme:**

- **simple application**
- **short timescale for decision**
- **easy report-back and claim procedure**

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## **Timescales:**

- **Applications accepted up to 31 Oct. 2007**
- **Decision within ten working days**
- **Successful groups have until the end of January 2008 to complete**

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## **Options:**

- **Larger networking or exchange projects can apply for a main grant from the MFP Community Grant scheme instead (up to £1,000 per project)**

**(but main grant scheme only open to applications until 19 January 2007)**

# **MFP COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME NETWORKING GRANTS**

**To register for this scheme:**

- **complete a Networking Grant enquiry form**
- **email or phone the MFP**
- **forms will be available to download from our website**



# Moray Firth Partnership - web site

[www.morayfirth-  
partnership.org](http://www.morayfirth-partnership.org)

Coastal community groups can have their own web pages (accessed via the MFP web-site), which they can edit and control themselves.

This uses simple software and does not require you to be a computer expert to use it!

## Moray Firth Communities

This section will feature the web pages of local community groups around the firth to provide further useful links and information.

The web pages can be used to feature community events, newsletters, local surveys, minutes etc.

At present we have features from :

Ferintosh Community Council

Ferintosh Photographic Survey and

Friends of the Far North Line.

We can also add external links to an already established community web site, illustrated by Ferintosh Community Council who have just set up their own web site, which was developed to conduct a local bird survey.

To feature your area in our Moray Firth Community Focus, or to set up your own community web pages on the MFP web site

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